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The genealogy of Changura's wives could likewise be traced through his mother's father. A woman ascertains who are her potential husbands by going back to her mother's "tabular" father, or her mother's "alternative" father, as well as her father's father, from which point the pedigree is the same in principle as that of last paragraph. It is manifest, therefore, that whichever one of the four specific women which a man is allowed to take as a wife, possesses practically the same relationship to him, although through different channels. The lineage from which a man obtains his wife is decided by the elders of the tribe.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

February, 1905.

Stated Meeting, April 7, 1905.

President SMITH in the Chair.

A letter was read from Mr. James Douglas describing a so-called shower of toads which he saw in the Sulphur Spring Valley, Arizona, and confirming the observations of Dr. C. C. Abbott (see these PROCEEDINGS, Vol. XLIII, p. 163).

The decease was announced of the following members :

Henri Louis Frédéric de Saussure, at Geneva, Switzerland,
on February 20, 1905, æt. 75.

F. A. Randall, M.D., at Warren, Pa., on January 23, 1905.

Dr. Alexander C. Abbott read a paper on "Epidemic Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis."

General Meeting, April 12, 13, and 14, 1905.

April 12,

Afternoon Session.

President SMITH in the Chair.

The President opened the meeting with a brief address of welcome.

An invitation was received from the Naturwissenschaftliche Verein für Schleswig-Holstein to be represented at the cele-